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INFO MEMORANDUM

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TO:

FROM: Office of General Counsel

SUBJECT: Attached Memorandum

The attached inter-office memorandum was apparently issued soon after the passage of the statute referred to, which was passed on 24 December 1942. This was before this office was set up in its present form and we do not find reference to it in our file.

On reading the statute in its original form, (5 U.S.C.A. Section 139a) I disagree with the last paragraph of the attached memorandum which you have stressed, in that it seems clear to me that the Director of the Budget may require the release of confidential information as well as non-confidential to other Federal agencies providing only that the same restrictions and penalties on disclosures apply to personnel of the receiving agency to the same extent as to releasing agency.

I do not believe that the statute in any way affects Staff Memorandum 15 on the relations with other Government agencies and rather strengthens the need for channelling requests for information through the Director's Office as provided in paragraph 2 of that memorandum.

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Enclosure